Statutory Wage Board for Journalists and Non-Journalists

*74. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 405 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have constituted the Wage Board for journalists and non-journalists and announced the names of the members and Chairman of the Board;

(b) if so, what are the names; and

(c) what are the terms of reference of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) The Government have set up two Wage Boards: One for working journalists and the other for non-journalist employees of newspaper industy vide Notification Nos. S.O. 527 (E) and S.O. 528 (F) published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, dated 17th July, 1985 for the purpose of fixing and revising the rates of wages in respect of working journalists and non-journalist newspaper employees/news agency employees in accordance with the provisions of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, (45 of 1955).

Justice U.N. Bachawat, a retired judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court, shall be the common Chairman of these Boards. Other Members of the Boards shall be as under:—

Wage Board for Working Journalists:—

(1) Shri Basudev Ray, representing Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society.

(2) Shri Pratap T. Shah, representing Indian Languages Newspapers Association.

(3) Shri K. M. Roy, representing Indian Federation of Working Journalists.

(4) Shri L. Meenakshi Sundram, represeting National Union of Journalists (India).

Wage Board for Non-Journalist Employees.

(1) Smt. Saroj Goenka, representing Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society.

(2) Shri Kiran Ratilal Seth, representing Indian Languages Newspapers Association.

(3) Shri S. Y. Kolhatkar, representing All India Newspaper Employees Federation.

(4) Shri M. K. Ramamurthi, representing All India Newspaper Employees Federation.

Besides the above, there shall be two common independent members on both the Boards. Their names will be notified shortly.

T.V. and AIR Programme on the Life of Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai

*75. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the birthday or death anniversary of late Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, his life and achievements are proposed to be broadcast and telecast; and

(b) whether Government propose to publish his speeches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Public functions arranged will be suitably covered by All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir. However, his biography will be brought out by the Publications Division under the 'Builders of Modern India' series.